

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN GERLEMAN AND REGINA A. GERLEMAN

PLAINTIFFS

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:06cv102-LTS-RHW

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY
AND CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiffs have filed a [42] Motion to Consolidate Briefing with respect to Defendant State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's (State Farm) [39] Motion to Change Venue; and an alternative request [43] to hold the [39] change of venue motion in abeyance. Plaintiffs' counsel has filed an *amicus* brief in another case (*Gemmill v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company*, Civil Action No. 1:06cv692), and feels that consolidation for briefing purposes with respect to State Farm venue motions, or awaiting the outcome in *Gemmill*, will be more convenient.

While the Court appreciates the sentiment, it is actually easier in the electronic filing age for motions and briefs to be filed in each individual case. The Court also understands that there will be some repetition, but again for docket control purposes it is more efficient to maintain orderly consideration on a case-by-case basis. Even with potentially similar motions, there may be variations in factual circumstances and legal issues that warrant separate attention.

Finally, Plaintiffs' counsel's participation as *amicus* in *Gemmill* is different from the stakes he holds in the instant cause on behalf of his clients. He should proceed with the response to State Farm's [39] Motion to Change Venue.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Plaintiffs' [42] Motion to Consolidate Briefing is **DENIED**;

Plaintiffs' [43] Motion to Hold in Abeyance the [39] Motion to Change Venue is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED this the 17th day of November, 2006.

s/ *L. T. Senter, Jr.*
L. T. Senter, Jr.
Senior Judge